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National Play-Offs

ADELAIDE CITY
(Southern Division)

VERSUS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC
(Northern Division)

PARRAMATTA STADIUM
SYDNEY

2nd LEG

SUNDAY, 19th OCTOBER, 1986 KICK OFF 3.00 p.m.

1st LEG

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The two legged National Championship playoff culminates what has been a most exciting season in the Olympic Airways Soccer League.

So close was the competition in both divisions that even up until the eve of the final round it was not possible to determine with any certainty the 10 teams which would qualify for the divisional playoffs.

It is now history that Sydney Croatia and Brunswick Juventus became champions of their respective divisions, and I congratulate them on their magnificent achievement.

1986, of course, saw the decision to reduce the League to 14 teams next year, and it is with some sadness that we will be losing 10 clubs, some of whom have been with the League since its inception.

To those who made the cut off, I offer my congratulations. To those unfortunate clubs who missed out, I offer my sincere sympathy, but remind you all that the door is open for two clubs each year to gain entry into the League. I am certain that some of you will soon again be with us.

Today, however, sees the playoff between Adelaide City and Sydney Olympic to eventually determine the National Champion.

Both clubs have achieved remarkable results during the divisional playoffs and rightly deserve to be here today.

I wish both clubs every success in the two legged final and trust that we will be treated to the type of exciting soccer that has epitomised the series so far.

Thank you for your support in 1986 and let us look forward to an even more exciting 1987.

Sam Papasavas O.A.M.
Chairman

The Grand Final
ADELAIDE CITY
VS
SYDNEY OLYMPIC

If the lead-up games are any guide, we should be in for a great soccer treat over the next two weekends as these two very entertaining teams with contrasting styles meet for the National Championship.

Adelaide City soaks up pressure and counter-punches, Sydney Olympic believes in all-out attack.

And both are extremely resilient. In its two matches in Melbourne, Adelaide City went behind twice in the first game, only to win 3-2, and then again, in the Southern Grand Final, it conceded the first goal, but, undeterred, fought back to win 2-1, even after having had a goal somewhat dubiously disallowed for offside.

Olympic, too, came back from an initial 1-0 defeat by St. George, to down the same opponent in the Northern Grand Final in a thrilling, extra time fight to the finish.

Sydney Olympic has some silver on the sideboard, it has won the National Cup twice, in 1983 and 1985, but it has not won a National Grand Final, last time it got there it was pipped by South Melbourne. Adelaide City, too, has yet to win a National Grand Final, its only honour so far has been the National Cup it won in 1979.

If its veteran captain, Bugsy Nyskohus, is to bow out at the end of the season, he would dearly love to go on a winning note.

Both sides are absolutely packed with talent. Nyskohus and Neville Flounders provide a granite-like defence in support of sparkling midfielders like Sergio Melta, Charlie Villani and Adrian Santrac, and the attack is spearheaded by 'Jumping' Joe Mullen and rugged Steve Maxwell.

Olympic loses nothing in comparison, with Socceroo Peter Raskopoulos and Uruguayan Vincente Estavillo providing the flair in front of experienced defenders Mike Coady and Tony Dakos and a pair of match-winning greyhounds in Marshall Soper and Chris Kalantzis. The two clubs have met 13 times in League contests, and Adelaide City has some leeway to make up, for Olympic leads with eight wins to five.

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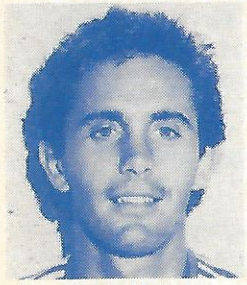
Bugsy Nyskohus
Defender


Sergio Melta
Midfielder

Stephen Maxwell
Striker

WILLY McNALLY	1
GARY HIGGINS	2
ALEX TOBIN	3
BOGDAN NYSKOHUS	4
NEVILLE FLOUNDERS	5
SERGIO MELTA	6
ADAM SANTRAC	7
CHARLIE VILLANI	8
JOE MULLEN	9
STEPHEN MAXWELL	10
AURELIOU VIDMAR	11
BRIAN NORTHCOTE	12
PAUL WILDE	13
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CHRIS BAMBRIDGE

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COACHES:

ADELAIDE CITY:
ZORAN MATIC

SYDNEY OLYMPIC:
MANFRED SCHAEFER

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

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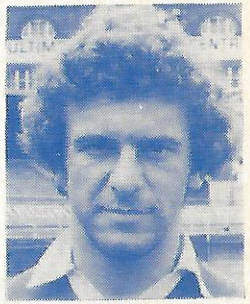
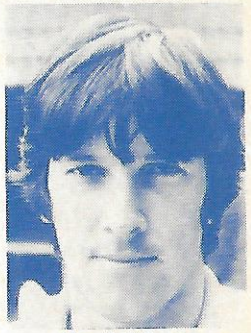
SOCKS: ROYAL BLUE

GARY MEIER	1
MARTIN ROGERS	2
MIKE COADY	3
TONY DAKOS	4
ALEX STANKOVIC	5
GARY PHILLIPS	6
PETER RASKOPOULOS	7
MARSHALL SOPER	8
PETER KATHOLOS	9
STUART JOHNSTON	10
CHRIS KALANTZIS	11
VINCENTE ESTAVILLO	12
	13
SIMON BRANDT	14
TERRY PATALIS	15
ALEX SPANOUDAKIS	
ANDY ZERVAS	


Peter Raskopoulos
Captain


Marshall Soper

Tony Dakos

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ADELAIDE CITY

HOW THEY GOT THERE

PL	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	POSITION
22	10	7	5	32	19	27	3rd

PRELIMINARY SEMI-FINAL vs FOOTSCRAY
21st SEPTEMBER, 1986 -- OLYMPIC PARK, MELBOURNE — WON 3-2
Scorers: Villani - 36, Mullen - 53, Melta - 77 (Pen)
Team: McNally, Shillabeer, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar. **Referee:** Gary Power (N.S.W.)

MAJOR SEMI-FINAL vs BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS
28th SEPTEMBER, 1986 — HINDMARSH STADIUM — WON 2-0
Scorers: Villani - 67, Vidmar - 69.
Team: McNally, Shillabeer, Tobin, Nyskohaus, Flounders, Melta (Wilde), Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar. **Referee:** Jim Reeves (N.S.W.)

GRAND FINAL vs FOOTSCRAY
5th OCTOBER, 1986 — OLYMPIC PARK, MELBOURNE — WON 2-1
Scorers: Vidmar - 73, Maxwell - 84
Team: McNally, Shillabeer, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar. **Referee:** Gary Power (N.S.W.)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

HOW THEY GOT THERE

PL	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	POSITION
22	9	9	4	33	22	27	2nd

PRELIMINARY SEMI-FINAL vs ST. GEORGE
21st SEPTEMBER, 1986 — ST. GEORGE STADIUM — LOST 0-1
Team: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Katholos (Chilas), Kalantzis, Estavillo, Brandt, Patalis (Zervas), Spanoudakis.
Referee: Bill Monteverde (Qld.)

MAJOR SEMI-FINAL vs MARCONI
28th SEPTEMBER, 1986 — ST. GEORGE STADIUM — WON 2-1
Scorers: Phillips - 24 (Pen), Soper - 86.
Team: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Soper, Johnstone, Kalantzis, Estavillo, Spanoudakis. **Referee:** Jim Rosis (S.A.)

PRELIMINARY FINAL vs SYDNEY CROATIA
1st OCTOBER, 1986 — ST. GEORGE STADIUM — WON 4-3
Scorers: Phillips - 52 (Pen), Soper - 66, 77, Johnstone - 103.
Team: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Soper (Patalis), Johnstone, Kalantzis, Estavillo, Spanoudakis (Zervas).
Referee: Don Campbell (S.A.)

GRAND FINAL vs ST. GEORGE
5th OCTOBER, 1986 — ST. GEORGE STADIUM — WON 3-2
Scorers: Phillips - 32, Soper - 66, Kalantzis - 114
Team: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos (Zervas), Phillips, Raskopoulos, Soper (Patalis), Johnstone (sent-off 73m), Kalantzis, Estavillo, Spanoudakis.
Referee: Bill Monteverde (Qld.)

1985 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

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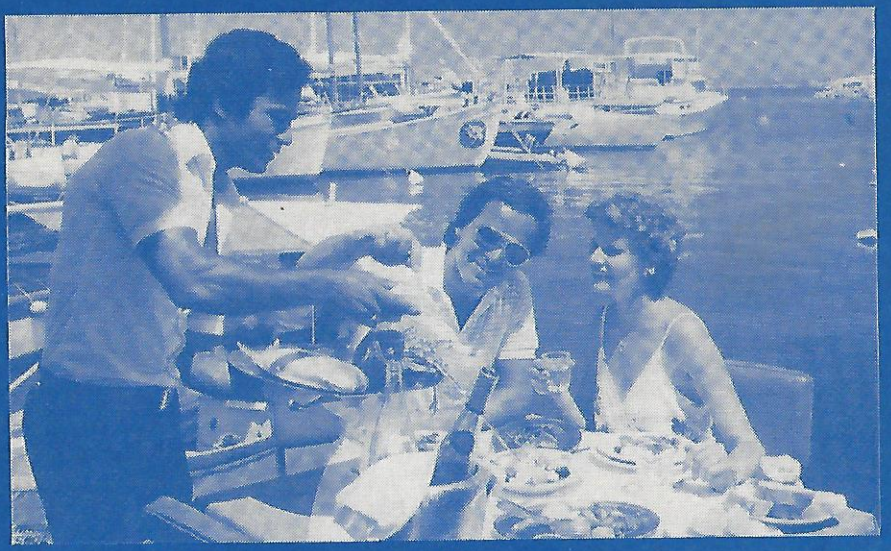

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